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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ADMISSION OF ORGANIZATIONS AS OBSERVERS

Admission of observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Note by the secretariat

1. The admission of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as observers is governed by Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which provides, *inter alia*, that "any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object".

2. At its first session, the Conference of the Parties (COP), further to a proposal by the President, agreed that the secretariat should invite to the future sessions of the Conference and of its subsidiary bodies, all intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted at that session and at future sessions, unless an objection was raised to any particular organization in accordance with the Convention and the rules of procedure (FCCC/CP/1995/7, para. 22). Consequently, all the organizations admitted to previous sessions (with the exception of those which were admitted for a single session only at the Conference of the Parties) have been invited to attend the seventh session, and the procedure for admission to the Conference of the Parties applies to new applicants only.

3. In this context, the secretariat has prepared a list of new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have expressed a wish to be admitted to the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 7), for consideration by the Parties at the start of the session. The list includes new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have requested admittance since the second part of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties in Bonn, and which have been granted pre-admittance status to attend COP 7.

4. In drawing up the list, the secretariat has taken due account of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and of the established practice whereby non-governmental organizations are required to furnish proof of their non-profit (tax-exempt) status in a State Member of the United Nations, of a specialized agency or of the International Atomic Energy Agency or in a State Party to the International Court of Justice.

5. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties has considered the list of applicants and raised no objections to the organizations listed in the attached annex. These organizations have been advised of their "pre-admittance status" on the understanding that the final authority for the admission of observers rests with the Conference of the Parties.

6. In the light of the above, the Conference is invited, at its first plenary meeting to accord observer status to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the attached list.

Annex

List of new applicant organizations having expressed their wish to be admitted as observers at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties

I. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Secrétariat Général de l'Union du Maghreb Arabe (UMA), Rabat, Morocco

II. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Americans for Equitable Climate Solutions (AECS), Washington, United States of America
2. Basel Agency for Sustainable Energy (BASE), Basel, Switzerland
3. Center for Environment and Sustainable Development Studies and Application (CENESTA), Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran
4. Defenders of Wildlife (DOW), Washington, United States of America
5. Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V. (DIN), Berlin, Germany
6. European Confederation of Woodworking Industries (CEI-Bois), Paris, France
7. European Renewable Energy Council (EREC), Brussels, Belgium
8. Fondation Marrakech 21 (FM 21), Marrakesh, Morocco
9. Forum for the Future (FFF), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
10. Institutt for energiteknikk (IFE), Kjeller, Norway
11. International Academy of Technological Sciences (IATS), Moscow, Russian Federation
12. International Air Transport Association (IATA), Montreal, Canada
13. Japan Center for Climate Change Actions (JCCCA), Tokyo, Japan
14. Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie (OME), Sophia-Antipolis, France
15. RAND, Santa Monica, United States of America
16. Sustainability Investment Partners (SIP), Marseilles, France
17. Tides Center, San Francisco, United States of America
18. Union for Jobs and Environment (UJAE), Washington, United States of America
19. University Stuttgart, Institute of Energy Economics and the Rational Use of Energy (IER), Stuttgart, Germany

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